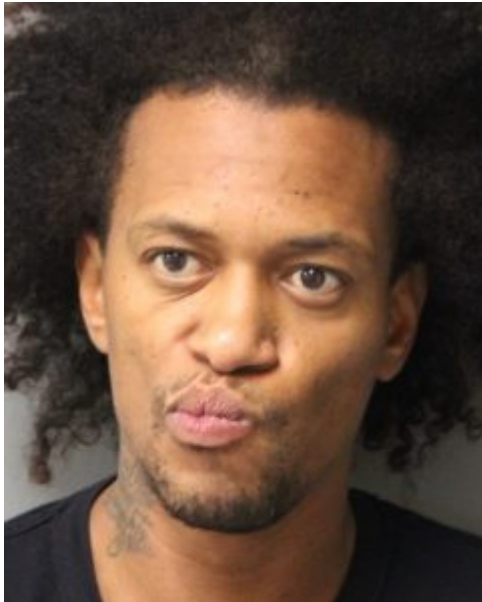


Search Warrant Leads to Drug and Weapon Charges - Bridgeville



Howard F. Green



Sandra R. Waples

Bridgeville- The Delaware State Police have arrested two suspects after a search warrant led to the discovery of drugs and a weapon.

On August 21, 2019, members of the Sussex Drug Unit (SDU)

concluded a two month drug investigation into the matter of 37-year-old **Howard F. Green IV** of Bridgeville. SDU with the assistance of the Sussex Governor's Task Force (GTF) and the Special Operations Response Team (SORT) executed a search and seizure warrant at Green's residence located in the unit block of Laverty Lane, Bridgeville. Upon arrival, Green was contacted as he was attempting to escape the residence through a rear window. Also in the residence, was the lease holder, 57-year-old **Sandra Waples** and two children ages 7 and 8.

Upon execution of the search warrant, the following items were located in Green's bedroom:

- Approximately 2008 bags (14.056 grams) of Heroin
- 9mm handgun containing a magazine loaded with eight rounds of ammunition
- Box of 50 count 9mm ammunition containing 42 additional rounds
- Over \$24,000 in suspected drug proceeds
- Drug Paraphernalia

Located in Waples' bedroom was approximately 1.84 grams of Marijuana.

Detectives then responded to a second residence occupied by Green, located in the 22000 block of Eskridge Road, Seaford, DE. A consent to search this residence was provided and the following was located:

- 9mm handgun
- Drug Paraphernalia

A computer inquiry revealed that Green is a person prohibited from possessing a firearm and/or ammunition.



Green and Waples were both transported back to Troop 4 where they were charged as follows:

Howard Green:

- Possession of a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity
- Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance in a Tier 4 quantity
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by Person Prohibited (2 counts)
- Criminal Contempt of a Domestic Violence Protective Order
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2 counts)
- Unlawfully Dealing with a Child (2 counts)
- Possession of a Firearm Within 10 Years of Prior Conviction
- Possession of a Firearm or Ammunition by a Person Prohibited

Green was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$92,500.00 cash only bond.

Sandra Waples:

- Maintaining a Drug Property
- Possession of Marijuana

Waples was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court and released on her own recognizance.

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